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describes a system provided with an "integrated broadcast database (130)" (paragraph 0045) for storing "broadcast data" (paragraph 0044) in a searchable state including information related to the broadcast time of the broadcast song and the song name, and

a "first tabulation means" (paragraph 0051) and a "second tabulation means" (paragraph 0054) for tabulating the broadcast count of a song (paragraphs 0051, 0054), as well as

provided with a communication means (Fig. 1) for receiving a transmission request for a "desired tabulation result" (Fig. 1) from a listener, a record company, a publishing company, or an advertising agency and transmitting the tabulation results.

This examination finds that while not specifically stated in document 2, a predetermined condition required for tabulation or searching is included in the "desired tabulation results" received by the listener or the like.

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Supplemental Box

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Claims 5, 6, 8

Document 2: JP 2002-342351 A (Ikuo OTA), 29 November 2002, Paragraphs 0044-0045, 0050-0054, 0079-0081; Fig. 1

describes a system provided with an "integrated broadcast database (130)" (paragraph 0045) for storing "broadcast data" (paragraph 0044) in a searchable state including information related to the broadcast time of the broadcast song and the song name, and

a "first tabulation means" (paragraph 0051) and a "second tabulation means" (paragraph 0054) for tabulating the broadcast count of a song (paragraphs 0051, 0054), as well as

provided with a communication means (Fig. 1) for receiving a transmission request for a "desired tabulation result" (Fig. 1) from a listener, a record company, a publishing company, or an advertising agency and transmitting the tabulation results.

This examination finds that while not specifically stated in document 2, a predetermined condition required for tabulation or searching is included in the "desired tabulation results" received by the listener or the like.

Consequently, claims 5, 6, and 8 do not appear to be novel based on document 2.